

In the Specification

With regard to the Summary of the Invention, the Examiner included a citation from the MPEP. The Examiner did not specifically object to the specification as not having a summary, but merely stated, "...the summary is missing from the specification."

A summary is not required. 37 CFR 1.73 clearly states:

"A brief summary of the invention indicated its nature and substance, which may include a statement of the object of the invention, *should* precede the detailed description. Such summary should, *when set forth*, be commensurate with the invention...(emphasis added)"

The Examiner cited the paragraph from the MPEP, 608.01(a) that is merely intended as a guideline. As stated in the Foreword, the MPEP does not have the force of law or the force of the Rules as set forth in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Therefore, neither a summary nor the headings listed in the citation from the Examiner is required, but are merely preferences set forth by the USPTO. If the Examiner has intended to object to the specification because of the lack of a summary, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.